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10 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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13 MICHAEL E VAN SICKEL,)
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15 Petitioner,)
16 vs.)
17 MICHAEL S EVANS, Warden,)
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19 Respondent.)
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19 Petitioner seeks federal habeas review of his state conviction. The court has
20 verified that said conviction is from the Superior Court of the State of California in and
21 for the County of Tehama, which lies within the venue of the Eastern District of
22 California. See 28 USC § 84(b). Petitioner is incarcerated at Salinas Valley State
23 Prison in Soledad, County of Monterey, which lies within the venue of the Northern
24 District of California. See id § 84(a).

25 Venue is proper in a habeas action in either the district of confinement or the
26 district of conviction, see id. § 2241(d); however, petitions challenging a conviction
27 preferably are heard in the district of conviction. See Habeas LR 2254-3(a);
28 Dannenberg v Ingle, 831 F Supp 767, 767 (ND Cal 1993).

1 Because the County of Tehama lies in the Eastern District of California, the court
2 ORDERS that pursuant to 28 USC § 1404(a) and Habeas Local Rule 2254-3(b), and in
3 the interest of justice, this petition be TRANSFERRED to the United States District
4 Court for the Eastern District of California.

5 The clerk shall transfer this matter and terminate all pending motions as moot.

6 SO ORDERED.
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VAUGHN R WALKER
United States District Chief Judge